

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13169–S13203

Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2213–2215, and S.J. Res. 22. **Page S13193**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 680, to ensure proper oversight and accountability in Federal contracting. (S. Rept. No. 110–201)

H.R. 1254, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–202)

S. 2035, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, with amendments. **Page S13193**

Measures Considered:

Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 3043, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S13172–89**

Adopted:

Dorgan/Conrad Modified Amendment No. 3335 (to Amendment No. 3325), to increase funding for the State Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. **Pages S13172, S13178–79**

Harkin (for Obama/Durbin) Amendment No. 3331 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide that none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to enter into a contract in an amount greater than \$5,000,000 or to award a grant in excess of such amount unless the prospective contractor or grantee makes certain certifications regarding Federal tax liability. **Pages S13178–79**

Harkin (for Snowe) Amendment No. 3419 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide for a study to evaluate the Social Security Administration's plan to

reduce the hearing backlog for disability claims at the Social Security Administration and the Social Security Administration's current and planned initiatives to improve disability process. **Pages S13178–79**

Harkin (for Burr/Gregg) Amendment No. 3434 (to Amendment No. 3325), to develop biodefense medical countermeasures by fully funding the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) in a fiscally responsible manner **Pages S13178–79**

Harkin (for Voinovich) Amendment No. 3405 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide for the Government Accountability Office to submit a report to Congress on the process for hiring and managing administrative law judges. **Pages S13178–79**

Harkin (for Durbin/Bunning) Amendment No. 3411 (to Amendment No. 3325), to permit certain amounts to be used for grants to Federal commissions that support museum and library activities. **Pages S13178–79**

By 88 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 382) Menendez/Hutchison Amendment No. 3347 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide funding for the activities under the Patient Navigator Outreach and Chronic Disease Prevention Act of 2005. **Pages S13172, S13179–80**

Harkin (for Tester) Amendment No. 3378 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide additional funding for veterans employment and training for Federal management activities. **Page S13180**

Harkin (for Reed) Modified Amendment No. 3432 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide funding for trauma care. **Page S13180**

Harkin (for Cantwell) Modified Amendment No. 3377 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide funds for allied health professional programs. **Page S13180**

Brown/Webb Amendment No. 3361 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide information to schools relating to the prevention of violent events and other crisis situations. **Pages S13173, S13183–84**

Harkin (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 3427 (to Amendment No. 3325), to express the sense of the Senate that funds be used for the frequent hemodialysis clinical trials at the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. **Pages S13183–84**

Harkin (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 3379 (to Amendment No. 3325), to increase funding for Community-Based Job Training grants, which strengthen the role of community and technical colleges in training workers. **Pages S13183–84**

Harkin (for Baucus) Modified Amendment No. 3344 (to Amendment No. 3325), to allocate funds to the Center for Asbestos Related Disease (CARD) Clinic in Libby, Montana. **Pages S13183–84**

Rejected:

Allard Amendment No. 3369 (to Amendment No. 3325), to reduce the total amount appropriated to any program that is rated ineffective by the Office of Management and Budget through the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART). (By 68 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 381), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S13172, S13174, S13176–78, S13179

Withdrawn on Friday, October 19, 2007:

Cornyn Amendment No. 3381 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide for the continuing review of unauthorized Federal programs and agencies and to establish a bipartisan commission for the purpose of improving oversight and eliminating wasteful Government spending.

Withdrawn on Monday, October 22, 2007:

Reed Amendment No. 3360 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide funding for the trauma and emergency medical services programs administered through the Health Resources and Services Administration. **Pages S13172, S13180**

Pending:

Harkin/Specter Amendment No. 3325, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S13172**

Vitter Amendment No. 3328 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide a limitation on funds with respect to preventing the importation by individuals of prescription drugs from Canada. **Page S13172**

Dorgan Amendment No. 3345 (to Amendment No. 3325), to require that the Secretary of Labor report to Congress regarding jobs lost and created as a result of the North American Free Trade Agreement. **Pages S13172, S13174**

Ensign Amendment No. 3342 (to Amendment No. 3325), to prohibit the use of funds to administer Social Security benefit payments under a totalization agreement with Mexico. **Page S13172**

Ensign Amendment No. 3352 (to Amendment No. 3325), to prohibit the use of funds to process claims based on illegal work for purposes of receiving Social Security benefits. **Page S13172**

Lautenberg/Snowe Amendment No. 3350 (to Amendment No. 3325), to prohibit the use of funds to provide abstinence education that includes information that is medically inaccurate. **Page S13172**

Roberts Amendment No. 3365 (to Amendment No. 3325), to fund the small business child care grant program. **Page S13172**

Coburn Amendment No. 3358 (to Amendment No. 3325), to require Congress to provide health care for all children in the U.S. before funding special interest pork projects. **Page S13172**

Chambliss Modified Amendment No. 3391 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide for a declaration of a public health emergency with respect to Sumter County, Georgia. **Page S13174**

Cardin Amendment No. 3400 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide support to Iraqis and Afghans who arrive in the United States under the Special Immigrant Visa program. **Pages S13181–82**

Landrieu Amendment No. 3446 (to Amendment No. 3325), relative to the Elementary and Secondary School Counseling program. **Pages S13182–83**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, October 23, 2007, and that Senator Enzi be recognized to propose Amendment No. 3437 (to Amendment No. 3325), that there be 30 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form, and that upon the use or yielding back of time, the amendments be temporarily set aside and that Senator DeMint be recognized to propose Amendment No. 3387 (to Amendment No. 3325), that there be 20 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form, and that upon the use or yielding back of time, the amendments be temporarily set aside, and Senate resume consideration of Roberts Amendment No. 3365 (to Amendment No. 3325) (listed above), that there be 10 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate resume consideration of Coburn Amendment No. 3358 (to Amendment No. 3325) (listed above), that there be 20 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled prior to a vote, and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate return to Enzi Amendment No. 3437 and vote on or in relation to the amendment, that Senate then resume consideration of DeMint Amendment No. 3387, and vote on or in relation to the amendment; provided further, that Senate then vote on or in relation to Roberts Amendment No. 3365 (listed above), and that Senate then vote on or in relation to Coburn Amendment No. 3358 (listed above); provided further, that there be 2 minutes of debate equally divided prior to each vote, and that there be no second-degree amendments in order prior to the vote; provided further, that after the first vote, the vote time be limited to 10 minutes per vote. **Page S13189**

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99-498, reappointed the following individual as a member of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: Clare Cotton of Massachusetts. **Page S13203**

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-292, as amended by Public Law 106-55, and as further amended by Public Law 107-228, appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Dr. Richard D. Land of Tennessee, for a term of two years. **Page S13203**

DREAM Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2205, to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children. **Page S13202**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, October 24, 2007.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S13202**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order to expand the scope of the national emergency relative to the Government of Burma, as received during adjournment of the Senate on October 19, 2007; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-29) **Pages S13191-92**

Executive Communications: **Pages S13192-93**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements: **Pages S13191-S13202**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S13202**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S13202**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—382) **Pages S13179, S13180**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:21 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 23, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13203.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 3911-3926; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 762, were introduced. **Pages H11846-47**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H11847-48**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2197, to modify the boundary of the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in the State of Ohio (H. Rept. 110-391);

H.R. 2094, to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110-392);

H.R. 1462, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the

Platte River Recovery Implementation Program for Endangered Species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin and to modify the Pathfinder Dam and Reservoir, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110-393);

H.R. 1205, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110-394, Pt. 1);

H.R. 830, to authorize the exchange of certain lands in Denali National Park in the State of Alaska, with amendments (H. Rept. 110-395);

H.R. 783, to modify the boundary of Mesa Verde National Park, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110-396);

H.R. 767, to protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats at national wildlife refuges through cooperative, incentive-based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful